

MAIL.

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Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.

The A 1 British Barque
"NOVELEY,"
Captain COLLIVER, having the
greater portion of her Cargo
engaged, will have quick despatch as
above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
ROZARIO & Co.
Hongkong, May 10, 1877.

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The Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed, at their risk, into the Godowns of Mr A. McG. HEATON, whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 9th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, June 2, 1877. *John*

BARQUE HOPE, FROM LONDON.

THIS Vessel having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate

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Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
DOUGLAS LAPRAKE & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, May 25, 1877.

BARQUE CHINAMAN, FROM LONDON.

THIS Vessel having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
DOUGLAS LAPRAKE & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, May 21, 1877.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Hongkong, May 21, 1877.

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THE BRITISH SHIP CARRIAGES,
FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MEYER & Co.

named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MEYER & Co.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

GERMAN BARQUE *IRIS*, FROM
HAMBURG.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
Vessel are hereby requested to send
in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned
for countersignature, and to take immediate
delivery of their Goods.

Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.
 Hongkong, May 19, 1877.

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
 MARITIMES.**

NOTICE.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Indus*, from London, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 30th Inst. at Noon, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 4th June, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DE POULLEY,
Agent.

Hongkong, May 30, 1877.

Intimations.

PIANO TUNING.

MR. A. HAHN, PRACTICAL PIANO MANUFACTURER, REPAIRER, and TUNER, begs leave to inform the Community of Hongkong of his arrival at this Port on a visit, and that he is now prepared to TUNE and REPAIR PIANOS, HARMONIUMS, Etc., at Moderate charges, during his short stay.

Orders left in care of Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. or Messrs. CHAS. J. GAUFF & Co., will meet with prompt attention.

Hongkong, May 23, 1877.

A THOROUGH CORRESPONDENT and ARITHMETICIAN Desires an ENGAGEMENT.

"Activity," care of this Office.

Hongkong, May 26, 1877.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ROSINA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. C. W. Hansen.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

TULLOCHGORM, British 3-m. schooner, Captain Mason.—Wielser & Co.

HANNAH LAW, British ship, Captain R. Greig.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

VESTA, German barque, Captain R. Dirks.—Melchers & Co.

HANNAH & MARY, British barque, Capt. A. Smith.—Order.

FORMOSA, German barque, Captain Schweger.—Melchers & Co.

BARBARA TAYLOR, British schooner, Captain John Taylor.—McEwen, Fricke & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR HOIHOW.
The Steamship
"PENEDO,"
Captain T. CAIN, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 5th instant, at 5 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, June 4, 1877.

FOR AMOY.
The Steamship
"EMUY,"
Captain F. BLANCO, will be despatched for the above Port on or about the 10th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
FOOK MOW LOONG & Co.
Hongkong, June 4, 1877.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.
Via Ports of CALL.
The German Steamship
"FERONIA,"
Stult, Master, will be despatched as above on or about the 13th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
WM. PUSTAU & Co.,
Agents S. S. Feronia.
Hongkong, June 4, 1877.

FROM SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE S. S. ARGILL having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby requested to send their Bills of Lading for countersignature to the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, June 4, 1877.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. GLENGYLE, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored in the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary is given before 10 a.m. To-morrow.

Goods remaining undelivered after the 11th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, June 4, 1877.

THE "FIFESHIRE."

WITH Reference to the Notice Dated the 1st instant, purporting to be Signed by ROBERT GRIE, I hereby give Notice that I am the lawfully appointed and legally constituted Master of the above Vessel, that I have never been displaced from my command nor done any act rendering myself liable to be so displaced, and that I repudiate and deny the right of the said ROBERT GRIE to give such notice.

He, GRIE, is Master of the Ship *Hannah Law*, which does not belong to the same Owners as the *Fifeshire*, and had no authority for publishing such notice. All Debts due in respect of the *Fifeshire* will be duly discharged by me, and I caution the public from being misled by the unauthorized and wholly unwarranted Notice in question, which so far from protecting the Owners of the *Fifeshire* is calculated to prejudice their interests.

Hongkong, 4th day of June, 1877.

M. R. NESS,
Master of the British Ship *Fifeshire*.



STEAM FOR
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,
Aden, Suez, Malta, Marseilles
and Southampton.

Also,
Bombay, Madras, and Calcutta.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship, *KASHGAR*, Captain BAKER, will leave this on SATURDAY, the 16th June, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. LIND, Superintendent.
Hongkong, June 4, 1877.

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION,
OF
ENGLISH AND COLONIAL-MADE
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
A SPLENDID GRAND CONCERT
PIANO.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on
SATURDAY,
the 16th day of June, 1877, at 2 p.m., at No. 5, Chancery Lane,—

The whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE of a Gentleman leaving the Colony, Consisting of: English-made Covered Couches and Chairs, Drawing-room Marble-top Centre and Side Tables, Engravings, Curtains.

Dining Table, Whatnots, Side Boards, Chairs, Dinner and Dessert Services, Plated and Glass-ware, Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Chest of Drawers, Marble-top Washstands, Toilet Tables and Glasses, Cheval Glass, &c., &c.

Also,
A Fine, and in splendid condition, A Grand Concert PIANO, by COLLARD & COLLARD, late of the "City Hall."

See Catalogues.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All Lots with all faults and errors of description, at Purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. GUEDES, JR., Auctioneer.
Hongkong, June 4, 1877.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

June 3, *Christian*, German three-masted schooner, from Whampoa.

June 3, *Helena*, German barque, 872, T. A. Volquardsen, Saigon May 23, Rice, &c.

June 3, *Alme*, British barque, 300, A. E. Guilbert, Keelung May 29, Coal.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

June 3, *Sourabaya Packet*, Dutch barque, 482, H. Verdunn, Bangkok May 4, Rice.—ORDER.

June 3, *Roderick Hay*, British barque, 290, P. H. Nicolson, Bangkok May 15, General.—CHINESE.

June 3, *Penedo*, British steamer, 654, John Cain, Hoihow June 2, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.

June 3, 8 a.m., *Chinkiang*, British str., 798, Orr, Shanghai May 30, 2 a.m., General.—SIEMSEN & Co.

June 3, *Macgregor*, British steamer, 2465, Newell, Saigon May 30, Rice and General.—GILMAN & Co.

June 3, *Emuy*, Spanish steamer, 222, Francisco Blanco, Manila May 29, General.—REMEDIOS & Co.

June 4, *Glaucus*, British steamer, 1947, T. S. Jackson, Shanghai May 31, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

June 4, *W. Cores de Vries*, British str., 394, George Welner, Singapore May 19, General.—HOK MOH LEONG.

June 4, *Anani*, British barque, 468, J. Hill, Bangkok May 13, Rice and Timber.—ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

June 4, *Friedrich Perthes*, German barque, 480, A. Kayser, Liverpool Dec. 2, Coal.—SIEMSEN & Co.

June 4, *Argyll*, British steamer, 1271, Scott, Calcutta May 20, Sand Head 22, Penang 26, and Singapore 29, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

June 4, *Gamma*, British steamer, 300, W. M. Lang, R.N., Plymouth Feb. 23, via ports of call, and Singapore May 27, Ballast.—F. DEGENHAR.

June 4, *Delta*, British steamer, 102, Lawrence Ching, R.N., Plymouth Feb. 23, via ports of call, and Singapore May 27, Ballast.—F. DEGENHAR.

June 4, *Glengyle*, British steamer, 1235, B. Quartly, London April 17, via ports of call, and Singapore May 26, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

June 4, *Pernambuco*, British steamer, 643, Wm. Hyde, Saigon May 30, Rice.—SIEMSEN & Co.

DEPARTURES.
June 3, *Diomed*, for Shanghai.
3, *Bowen*, for Foochow.
3, *Chinkiang*, for Canton.
3, *Sunda*, for Yokohama.
4, *Feronia*, for Swatow.
4, *Teheran*, for Shanghai.
4, *Gordon Castle*, for Shanghai.

OLEARED.
Presto, for Macao.
Ophirene, for Saigon.
Hydra, for Callao.
Glamis, for Shingawa (Japan).
Norna, for Swatow.
Mecca, for Saigon.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per *Glaucus*, from Shanghai, Messrs. Cheverton and Simonds, and 2 Chinese.
Per *Penedo*, from Hoihow, 1 European and 28 Chinese.
Per *Macgregor*, from Saigon, 150 Chinese.
Per *Emuy*, from Manila, 4 Europeans and 69 Chinese.
Per *Anani*, from Bangkok, 5 Chinese.
Per *Argyll*, from Straits, 333 Chinese.
Per *Glengyle*, from Singapore, 18 Chinese and 1 European deck.
Per *Pernambuco*, from Saigon, 4 Chinese.

DEPARTED.
Per *Bowen*, for Foochow, Mrs. D. E. Caldwell and 3 children, and Mr. Williams.
Per *Sunda*, for Yokohama, Mr. and Mrs. Dare, Mr. S. Helen, and 10 Chinese deck.
Per *Feronia*, for Swatow, Messrs. Wm. Pustau, jr., M. Samuel, and Meyer, and 10 Chinese.
Per *Diomed*, for Amoy, 224 Chinese.
Per *Gordon Castle*, for Shanghai, 4 Chinese.

TO DEPART.
Per *Hydra*, for Callao, 6 Chinese.
Per *Norna*, for Swatow, 1 European and 150 Chinese.
Per *Mecca*, for Saigon, 45 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German barque *Baltic* reports: First 2 days S.W. winds and equally weather to Patabels. Thence a N.E. gale which lasted 2 days, last part of passage N.E. and E. winds with a heavy sea and thick weather.

The British barque *Alme* reports: Light East and N.E. winds with fine weather throughout the passage.

The Dutch barque *Sourabaya Packet* reports: Strong S.E. winds and heavy sea latter part of passage.

The British barque *Roderick Hay* reports:

Bad weather near Paracels and thick rainy weather throughout with a heavy cross sea.

The British steamer *Penedo* reports: In Hoihow on 28th, 29th and 30th, had heavy N.E. gale. Then moderate weather, with light N.E. wind to E. from port to port.

The British steamer *Chinkiang* reports: Light winds and fine weather throughout the passage. Passed S. S. *Fuyue* at 10 a.m. of the 30th ult., a French Mail Steamer at 5 p.m. of the 1st inst., and S. S. *Amoy* at 5.30 a.m. of the 2nd.

The British steamer *Macgregor* reports: From Saigon to Cape Padaran light S.W. winds, from thence to Hongkong fresh N.W. winds and fine weather.

The British steamer *Glaucus* reports: Fine weather throughout the passage.

The British steamer *W. Cores de Vries* On the 28th May experienced very heavy weather from the N.E. blowing nearly to a gale and heavy sea, and after 24 hours steaming found that the vessel had made no head-way. On the morning of the 30th put into Seong Soey Bay on the coast of Hainan for shelter. Proceeded again at noon of the 31st, and arrived here this day with light N.E. winds and fine weather.

The British steamer *Argyll* reports: From Singapore thick and rainy weather with variable winds and calms.

The British steamer *Glengyle* reports: Left Singapore May 26th at 4 p.m., and had moderate S.W. monsoons till 31st. Variable and equally with rain remainder of passage.

The British steamer *Pernambuco* reports: Moderate S.W. winds to Cape Padaran, Northerly winds to Paracels, with thunder and lightning and gloomy weather, afterwards moderate N.E. winds to Ladrones, and rainy to port.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For SAIGON.—
Per *MECCA*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 5th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For SWATOW.—
Per *NORNA*, at 7.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 5th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.—
Per *DOUGLAS*, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 5th inst.

For KIANGCHOW.—
Per *PENEDO*, at 4.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 5th inst.

For CALLAO.—
Per Barque *HYDRA*, at 4.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 5th inst.

For BANGKOK.—
Per *DANUBE*, at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the 6th June, instead of as previously notified.

For SINGAPORE AND PENANG.—
Per *PEARL*, at 1.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 6th inst.

MAILS BY THE FRANCE PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *AV A*, will be despatched from Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 9th June, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, and Marseilles to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Reunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

Letters may also be forwarded to INDIA by this Packet.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Friday, June 8th.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Saturday, June 9th.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.
11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) except those to and through Australia, may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until
11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

Hongkong, May 26, 1877.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.

The English Contract Packet *KASHGAR* will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on SATURDAY, the 16th June.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Friday, 15th June.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.
6 p.m., Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Saturday, 16th June.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.
10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage till
11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindisi or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till
11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed.

Hongkong, June 4, 1877.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *BELGIO* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 19th June, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, and London, which will be closed as follows:—

2 p.m., Registry of Letters ceases.
2.30 p.m., Post-Office closes.
2.30 p.m., Correspondence for Japan or the United States only may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 12 cents extra postage until
2.30 p.m., when the Mail is finally closed.

Correspondence must be specially directed for this route, and if not fully prepaid will be sent by British Packet.

Hongkong, May 31, 1877.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, June 6:—
2.30 p.m.—Meeting of the Legislative Council.

THURSDAY, June 7:—
3 p.m.—Ocean leaves for Singapore and Penang.

FRIDAY, June 8:—
Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co.

SATURDAY, June 9:—
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.
Goods per *Gordon Castle* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SUNDAY, June 10:—
Emuy leaves for Amoy on or about this date.

MONDAY, June 11:—
2 p.m.—Sale of Goodwill, Furniture, Fixtures, Liquors, &c., of the "Star Tavern."
Goods per *Glengyle* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, June 13:—
11 a.m.—Sale of Sundries at Govt. Store. *Feronia* leaves for London and Hamburg on or about this date.

FRIDAY, June 15:—
3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

SATURDAY, June 16:—
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.
2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, at No. 6, Chancery Lane.

TUESDAY, June 19:—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
Notice of optional cargo per *Glengyle* to be given before 10 a.m.
Noon.—*Douglas* leaves for Coast Ports.
5 p.m.—*Penedo* leaves for Hoihow.

THE
HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
Established A.D. 1841.

香港大藥房
A. S. WATSON & Co.,
FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMISTS,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,
IMPORTERS
OF
DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, NURSERY REQUISITES, TOILET REQUISITES, ENGLISH, AMERICAN, AND FRENCH PATENT MEDICINES.
MANUFACTURERS
OF
Soda Water, Lemonade, Tonic Water, Gingerade, Potass Water, Sarsaparilla Water, and other Aerated Waters.
The Manufactory is under direct and continuous European Supervision.
Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commenced at 8.15 p.m.

BIRTHS.

At Yokohama, on the 15th May, the Wife of A. H. C. HASEWOOD, of a Son.
At Kinking, on the 24th of May, 1877 Mrs. THEODORE MOOREHEAD, of a Daughter.

DEATHS.

At the General Hospital, Shanghai, on 30th instant, JOHN WILSON, aged 52 years, Light-keeper, I. M. Customs Service, native of Sweden.

At Chefoo, on the 24th May, of fever caught in attending Chinese patients, JOHN RICHARD CARMICHAEL, M.R., M.R.C.P., aged 39 years.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JUNE 4, 1877.

THE telegraphic announcement in another column, that at a great Liberal demonstration held at Birmingham, Mr Gladstone has challenged the Government to test the opinion of the country on the Eastern Question by a dissolution of Parliament, shows that the ex-Premier has not yet recovered from his attack of "Bulgarian horrors." Only last week we were commenting on the disasters that had befallen Mr Gladstone in an organised attack he had made in the House on the Eastern policy of the present Government. It will be recollected that Mr Gladstone had given notice of his intention to move certain resolutions to the effect that the Government should continue to exert its influence on behalf of the oppressed Christians in Turkey, and exact the needful changes in their condition from the Ottoman Government. On the evening appointed for the consideration of these resolutions, the most objectionable portion of them were withdrawn by Mr Gladstone, but not satisfied with this, the House ultimately rejected the remainder by 364 against 223 votes. In the face of this defeat it is refreshing to hear Mr Gladstone challenging the Government to test the opinion of the country on the Eastern question by a dissolution of Parliament. Mr Gladstone knows perfectly well that no Government would be justified in putting a country to the trouble and expense of a general election to test the opinion of the people on a policy that has been approved by a majority of over a hundred in the House of Commons. Governments usually appeal to a minority in the House on some important question, and not after scoring a triumphant success. Mr Gladstone and his supporters in the "Bulgarian-horror" campaign seem to be labouring under or to have spread abroad an impression that the present House of Commons does not represent the feeling of the people of

England. The following extract from a speech by Sir Stafford Northcote, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on the 24th April, however, appears to us to satisfactorily dispose of that idea.

It is difficult to my mind to conceive a House of Commons which could for any great length of time be at variance with the feelings of the country. (Hear, hear.) It is true we hold our seats for a certain number of years, and for these years it is within the constitutional right of the House of Commons to adopt measures and to advocate a policy which might be opposed to the general feeling of the country, but though such a thing is theoretically possible, I believe it to be practically impossible. (Cheers.)

Can it be supposed that the feeling of the country would not express itself in its action on the House of Commons? (Hear, hear.) I am perfectly convinced that that discord which is supposed by some with whom the wish is father to the thought to prevail between the country and the House of Commons is entirely imaginary.

A MINUTE by the Governor, published in the *Government Gazette* of Saturday, inaugurates the first important change that has been introduced by His Excellency in the administration of this Colony—at least the first that has been made public. The minute states that, "as a general rule, all appointments at the disposal of the Governor in the Civil Service of the Colony will be given by a system of competitive examinations, similar to that which was established for the Civil Service of the United Kingdom by Her Majesty's Order in Council of the 4th June 1870." Any young man in the Colony, it is added, can compete for such appointments, but each candidate must satisfy the Board of Examiners that His Excellency will from time to time nominate.

1st. That he is within the limits of age prescribed for the situation or employment to which he desires to be admitted;
2nd. That he is free from any physical defect or disease which would be likely to interfere with the proper discharge of his duties;
3rd. That his character is such as to qualify him for such situation or employment; and
4th. That he possesses the requisite knowledge and ability to enter on the discharge of his official duties.

This is a change that is based on sound principles, and one that will, we think, meet with general approval. As the minute states, a system of competitive examinations for Civil Service appointments was established at Home as long ago as 1870, and we notice that within the last two months a similar system has been adopted in the Colony of Victoria. The new arrangement will probably affect, either directly or indirectly, between thirty and forty appointments here each worth from \$500 to \$3,000 per annum, the average value being nearly \$2,000. Notwithstanding the assertion in the minute that "as a general rule, all appointments at the disposal of the Governor in the Civil Service of the Colony will be given by a system of competitive examinations," we presume it is not the intention of His Excellency to deal in this way with some of the higher appointments in the various departments. If this were His Excellency's intention we fancy some of the subordinate Government employees in the Colony would very soon arrive at the conclusion that they possessed a grievance. Supposing, say the chief clerk in the Treasurer's Department were to resign, we imagine the vacant post would not be thrown open to competition, and the present second clerk's prospect of succeeding to the position spoilt, because, although he had the best possible knowledge of the actual requirements of the post, yet in certain educational particulars he was surpassed by an outside competitor. His Excellency will no doubt follow the usual course, and merely throw open to competition those vacancies remaining after deserved and suitable promotions have been made. Following the minute in the *Gazette* is a notification that a competitive examination for a vacant clerkship in the Registrar General's Office will be held on the 7th June in the Council Chamber at the Government Offices, the salary of the vacant post being \$15 per month. This is rather a small beginning, but the principle of the system holds as good in small appointments as in large ones. The result of the application of a competitive examination to the candidates for this appointment will probably be that among the natives in the Colony whose aspirations do not rise beyond \$15 per month, the one best fitted for the post will be selected, instead of one whom somebody thought would do for the work, and who was accordingly recommended for appointment. The Right Reverend Bishop Burdon, the Hon. Cecil C. Smith and Mr Ng Achoy are stated in the *Gazette* to have consented to act as a Board of Examiners into the qualifications of the candidates for the post, and the examinations we are further told, will mainly consist of translations from Chinese into English and English into Chinese. A few weeks ago it was notified in the *Gazette* that the publication of the names of the Government Board of Examiners in the Chinese language, namely, the Hon. Cecil C. Smith, the Rev. E. J. Eitel, Ph.D., and Messrs Stewart, Russell, and Lister. It is somewhat singular that only one of these gentlemen is to take part in this first competitive examination here for the civil service of the Colony. It is also noteworthy that the examiners are to lay before the Governor the names of the three candidates whom they may determine to be the best, and from these three the Governor will select the person to be appointed. Supposing there are only three candidates, the Governor will be able to make his choice of them, and the examination will be valuable only as an indication of competency.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.
[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."] (Via Southern Route.)

THE WAR.
LONDON, 31st May, 1877.
RUMOUR OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.
There are vague rumours of peace negotiations being opened through the mediation of Germany.

GERMANY AND FRANCE.
Alsace and Lorraine are being reinforced.

LONDON, 1st June, 1877.
DISSOLUTION PROPOSED.

A great Liberal demonstration has been held at Birmingham, at which Mr Gladstone challenged the Government to test the opinion of the country on the Eastern Question by a dissolution of Parliament.

THE RECAPTURE OF ARDAHAN.
The news of the recapture of Ardahan by the Turkish troops is officially confirmed.

THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.
Sir Harry St. George Ord [formerly Governor of the Straits Settlements] has been created Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Legislative Council will meet on Wednesday, the 6th June, at 2.30 p.m.

THE M. M. steamer *Hoogy*, with the outward Mails, left Singapore yesterday (Sunday) afternoon.

THE steamers *Glenartney* and *Tartar*, from Hankow, are reported to have passed Woon-sung on Sunday evening, 27th May.

WE would remind members of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong that a meeting of emergency is to be held to-morrow night.

WE are requested to announce that Mrs Pope Hennessy will be "at home," on Wednesday next, June 6, from 5.15 to 7 p.m.

JAPAN was admitted to the Postal Union on the 1st instant, and so far as the Suez route is concerned, the same rates of postage will be charged there as in Hongkong.

THE members of the Humane Society held a parade on Saturday afternoon, at Duddell Street, their Head Quarters. An expert from the *Victor Emmanuel* gave them instruction in the use of the rocket apparatus.

THE maximum temperature at the Harbour Master's office during the last week was 87.0, and the minimum 72.0; at the Peak the maximum was 77.0, and the minimum 64.0. There was no rainfall.

In the Supreme Court to-day, the case of the *Rosina* again engaged the attention of the Court. The Hon. G. Philippo had concluded his argument and Mr Kingmill summed up the points of his address. The case was further adjourned till Thursday next at 10.30 a.m., when the Captain of the *Rosina* will be called.

WE note, among the naval news by the mail, the promotion of Nav. Lieut. Jesse Dixon (R.M.S. *Victor Emmanuel*) to the rank of Staff-commander, with seniority of March 30th last. Surgeons Alex. McDonald, M.D., and Peter Burgess, M.B., formerly stationed here, have been promoted to the rank of Staff-surgeon, with seniority of April 14th.

THE Band of the 28th Regiment will perform the following programme to-morrow evening at 8.30 p.m.:—

Grand March,.....*Heroique*,.....Schubert.
Overture,.....*Les Deux Tournees*,.....Chernini.
Selection,.....*Belshazzar*,.....Donizetti.
Valse,.....*Chants du Joy*,.....Strauss.
Selection,.....*Masaniello*,.....Ambler.
Vocal gallop,.....*Queen Victoria*,.....Hecker.

OUR London correspondent stated, in his letter which appeared lately, "the Chartered Bank has done admirably," and the statement may be verified by a perusal of the report of the meeting which we give elsewhere. It is satisfactory to note that prudence has so tenaciously waited upon success, and that not only has the reserve fund and depreciation been borne in mind, but a superannuation fund has also been commenced, to provide for the Bank's staff in their old age.

THE two new gunboats for the Chinese Government, the *Gamma* and *Delta*, arrived here to-day. They are commanded, the first by Com. W. M. Lang, R.N., and the other by Com. Lawrence Ching, R.N. The other officers are Lieuts. R. F. Yonge, and R. H. Powell, R.N., in the *Gamma*, and Lieuts. Hopkins and G. Heat, in the *Delta*.

THESE boats have made a very creditable passage, having left Plymouth on the 28th February, calling at Gibraltar, Malta, Port Said, Suez, Aden, Galle, and Singapore.

SUPPLEMENT
TO THE
CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, 4th JUNE, 1877.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked h., near the Kowloon shore k., and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked c., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

Section.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Cyphrenes	4 f.	Wood	Brit. str.	1279	May 24	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Saigon	To-day
Danube	...	Olanchy	Brit. str.	561	May 21	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok	Sands' Slip
Douglas	5 h	Pitman	Brit. str.	861	June 1	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports	To-morrow
Duna	3 h	Steele	Brit. str.	852	May 23	Gilman & Co.		
Emmy	3 c	Blanco	Span. str.	.....	June 3	Remedios & Co.		
Feronia	4 c	Schultz	Ger. str.	1085	May 29	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Swatow	To-day
Galley of Lorne	4 h	MacDonald	Brit. str.	1389	May 29	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Glaucus	5 c	Jackson	Brit. str.	1647	June 4	Butterfield & Swire	London, &c.	To-day
Gordon Castle	5 h	Jones	Brit. str.	1312	June 1	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Shanghai	
Macgregor	3 c	Newell	Brit. str.	2465	June 3	Gilman & Co.		
Mecoa	3 h	Johnson	Brit. str.	687	June 1	Hop Kee & Co.	Saigon	at daylight
Ningpo	5 c	Cass	Brit. str.	761	June 2	Siemssen & Co.		
Norna	...	Walker	Brit. str.	905	May 27	Kwok Acheong	Swatow	Cos'tan Dock
Ocean	...	Jaques	Brit. str.	971	May 19	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Straits Settlements	K'loong Dock
Penedo	5 c	Cain	Brit. str.	652	June 3	Siemssen & Co.	Kiungchow	To-morrow
Toheran	2 h	Johnson	Brit. str.	1671	June 2	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Thales	...	Coles	Brit. str.	810	May 29	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		K'loong Dock
W. Cores de Vries	2 h	Welner	Brit. str.	334	June 4	Hok Moh Leong		
Yottung	2 h	Hawkins	Brit. str.	324	June 9	Kwok Acheong		Repairing
Sailing Vessels								
A. E. Vidal	3 k	Schreiker	Ger. bge.	420	May 29	Waler & Co.		
Adela	4 c	Beattie	Brit. bge.	354	May 8	Eduard Schellhass & Co.		
Aline	3 c	Gilbert	Brit. bge.	300	June 3	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Auguste	4 k	Thomsen	Brit. 3m. sc.	210	May 17	Meyer & Co.		
Barbara Taylor	4 k	Taylor	Brit. sch.	252	June 2	Chinese		
Bertha	4 c	Ringe	Ger. bge.	442	May 31	Wieler & Co.		
Canaan	8 c	Manson	Brit. sh.	840	May 21	Order		
Capella	...	Andersson	Swed. bge.	307	May 25	Order	Newchwang	Ab'deen Dock
Carlecks	8 h	Carr	Brit. bge.	916	May 10	Russell & Co.		Wanchai Pier
Caura	4 k	Thiemen	Ger. bge.	689	May 21	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Manila	
Chamron Kamryo	2 h	Möller	Slam. bge.	430	May 25	Kin-tye-loong		
Cheng Soon	2 h	Cheng Sang	Slam. sch.	200	April 30	Chinese		
Chinaman	7 h	McKenzie	Brit. bge.	690	May 21	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Christian	3 k	Stehr	Ger. 3m. sc.	282	June 3	Eduard Schellhass & Co.	Tientsin	
Dauphine	8 h	Lelionnais	Fch. bg.	327	May 28	Order		
Fifeshire	2 c	Ness	Brit. sh.	750	May 24	Order		
Fleetwing	3 c	Guest	Amer. sh.	829	May 7	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Formosa	8 c	Hyland	Brit. bge.	915	May 29	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Formosa	3 k	Schweer	Ger. bge.	282	May 25	Melchers & Co.	Newchwang	
Gaston Auger	7 c	Gaillard	Fch. bge.	301	May 22	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Poochow	
Glamia	7 c	Key	Brit. bge.	1150	May 21	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Yokohama	
Gryfe	8 c	Roberts	Brit. sh.	1068	May 24	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Harriet N. Carlton	...	Harkness	Amer. bge.	872	May 29	Russell & Co.	Honolulu	Cos'tan Dock
Hannah & Mary	8 c	Smith	Brit. bge.	356	May 8	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	London	
Hannah Law	...	Greig	Brit. sh.	1299	April 28	P. & O. S. N. Co.		K'loong Dock
Helena	3 c	Snow	Amer. bge.	603	May 4	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Malbourne & Sydney	
Helena	5 k	Volguardsen	Ger. bge.	372	June 3	Wieler & Co.		
Hieronymus	4 k	Biehl	Ger. bge.	425	May 24	Wieler & Co.		
Highlander	5 h	Hutchinson	Amer. sh.	1352	May 13	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Hongkong	3 k	Oom	Ger. 3m. sc.	208	May 20	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Poochow	
Hope	7 h	Boulton	Brit. bge.	454	May 25	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Hydra	4 c	Dest	Ger. bge.	785	May 27	Siemssen & Co.	Callao	
Iraui	4 k	Pearce	Brit. bge.	327	May 25	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Iris	4 c	Rüter	Ger. bge.	506	May 18	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Jacatra	8 h	Dirksen	Dut. bg.	337	May 25	Russell & Co.		
Japan	8 c	Walter	Ger. 3m. sc.	270	May 25	Siemssen & Co.		
Leicester	8 c	Caddy	Brit. sh.	1509	May 24	Order		
Livingstone	3 k	Masack	Ger. bge.	530	May 23	Siemssen & Co.		
Lothar	8 h	.....	Amer. sch.	45	Aug. 13	Insurance Cos.		
Lydia	...	Youngson	Brit. bge.	376	May 19	Order		McD.'s Slip
Madura	3 c	Stanton	Brit. sh.	370	May 11	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco	
Michelle Selchan	4 c	Gerstenberg	Brit. bge.	447	May 24	Order	Touron	
New Era	3 c	Sawyer	Brit. sh.	1060	April 25	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Novelty	4 c	Colliver	Brit. bge.	375	May 17	Rozario & Co.	Malbourne & Sydney	
Presto	4 c	Laidman	Brit. bge.	384	May 17	Master	Macao	Cleared
Rhoda	4 k	Vincent	Brit. bge.	252	June 3	Chinese		
Roderick Hay	4 h	Nicolson	Brit. bge.	290	June 3	Chinese		
Rosa Butcher	3 k	Schultze	Ger. bge.	698	May 21	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Rajang (Borneo)	
Rosina	3 k	Hansen	Am. 3m. sc.	405	Feb. 28	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Rotterdam	3 k	Dik	Dut. bge.	760	May 25	Melchers & Co.		
San Lorenzo	4 c	Madareaga	Span. bg.	220	May 23	Remedios & Co.		
Sourabaya Packet	3 c	Vordunn	Dut. bge.	462	June 3	Order		
Stracathro	3 c	Millar	Brit. sh.	1159	May 18	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
Thomas Lord	3 c	Hall	Amer. sh.	1316	April 12	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Talochgorum	...	Mason	Brit. 3m. sc.	175	April 20	Wieler & Co.	Hai Phong	Jardine's Slip
Vesta	3 k	Dirks	Ger. bge.	302	June 1	Melchers & Co.	Tientsin	
Western Chief	8 h	Hewer	Brit. sh.	750	May 26	Meyer & Co.		Wanchai Pier
WHAMPOA								
Victory	...	Whiting	Brit. bg.	255	June 2	Chinese	Tientsin	
CANTON								
Bombay	...	Smith	Brit. str.	749	May 9	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Chinkiang	...	Orr	Brit. str.	798	June 4	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	

Men-of-war in Hongkong Harbour.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Flag.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Date of Arrival.	Commander.
Ashueloc	5 c	American	corvette	1037	6	700	May 18	Geo. H. Perkins
Charvdis	7 c	British	corvette	1505	17	400	April 5	T. E. Smith
Curlew	6 h	British	gun vessel	774	3	160	May 4	E. J. Church
Hart	6 h	British	gun vessel	465	4	120	May 6	H. N. Hood
Juno	7 h	British	corvette	1462	8	400	May 15	A. H. Boldero
Ling Feng	6 h	Chinese	gunboat	354	2	80	June 1	J. Farrow
Magpie	7 h	British	gun vessel	774	3	160	May 28	Charles Vernon Anson
Mecanes	6 k	British	military hospital	2591	...	.....	.....	.....
Modeste	6 c	British	corvette	1405	14	350	April 13	Alex. Buller, C.B.
Moorehen	6 h	British	gunboat	420	4	60	May 28	John Hope
Patino	K.D.	Spanish	transport	1200	...	.....	Feb. 23	Rapelle
Victor Emanuel	6 c	British	Commodore's flag-ship	3087	2	.....	.....	Commodore Watson

HONGKONG, MACAO AND CANTON RIVER
STEAMERS.

Name.	Tons.	Captain.	Owners.
Fame	117	Stopani	H. & W'poo Dock Co.
Fai Wan	.....	.....	Capt. Sands
Ichabug	700	Martin	Butterfield and Swire
Kiu Shan	457	Cary	H., C. & M. S.-boat Co.
Kiu Kiang	617	Benning, T.	H., C. & M. S.-boat Co.
Lintin	69	.....	Kwok Acheong
Powan	1890	Lefevre	H., C. & M. S.-boat Co.
Saada	37	.....	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Sir J. Jeejeebhoy	101	.....	Kwok Acheong
Spark	140	Hoyland	H., C. & M. S.-boat Co.
White Cloud	280	Benning, A.	H., C. & M. S.-boat Co.
Yotsai	180	Browne	Kwok Acheong

CHINESE GUN-VESSELS IN CANTON
WATERS, &c.

Name.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Commander.
An-lan	431	7	.....	J. Goddell
Chen-jui	23	1	.....	E. F. Collins
Ching-po	150	...	.....	Wan Lum Wan
Ching-sing	.....	...	.....	E. Choy
Chun-hai	230	6	.....	.....
Peng-chou-hai	600	5	400	A. Fry
Quong-on	180	3	60	Li Ping Tye
Shen-chi	150	5	.....	H. Wade
Sut-tang	.....	...	.....	Stewart
Tching-tang	150	6	60	Besard
Tien-po	150	6	.....	C. De Longueville
Wing-po	600	3	150	Lam Man Wo

FOOCHOW SHIPPING IN PORT.

May 19, 1877.		
Fleur Castle	for London	
Glenearn	for London	
Lady Bowen	for Shanghai	
*Nemoa	for Hongkong	
*Olympia	for Hongkong	
Wm. Manson	British barque	

SHIPPING IN SHANGHAI HARBOUR.

May 31, 1877.		
MERCHANT STEAMERS.		
Ava	French	
Chin-se	Chinese	

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

Francola I.	French
Fusiyama	Chinese
*Glaucus	for London
Hankow (McQueen)	British
H. O. Orsted	Danish
Honan	Chinese
Kashgar	British
Kiang-wao	Chinese
Kwaiyuen	Chinese
Nanking	American
Scindia	British
Tabyeu	Chinese
Ta-yen-fung	American

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

Tung Ting	Chinese
Yehsin	Chinese
MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.	
B. Aymar	American barque
Emulation	British barque
Hopeful	British schooner
John Nicholson	British ship
Louise	British schooner
Windhover	British ship

MEN-OF-WAR.

Kestrel	H. M. gunboat
La Clocheterie	French corvette
Palos	U. S. gunboat
Sobel	Russian gunboat

* Since left port, or arrived at Hongkong.

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 Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

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GILMAN & Co.,
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 Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

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HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
 Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

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HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
 Hongkong, January 8, 1875.

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Mails.

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ON SATURDAY, the 9th June, 1877, at Noon, the Company's S. S. *ATA*, Commandant HERNANDEZ, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.
 Shipping orders will be granted till noon. Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 8th June, 1877. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)
 Contents and value of Packages are required. For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

H. DU POUEY,
Agent.
 Hongkong, May 26, 1877.

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THE U. S. Mail Steamer *ALASKA*, will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on FRIDAY, the 15th June, 1877, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mitsui Bishi S. S. Company will leave Shanghai, via the Inland Sea Ports, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers to England, France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., 14th June. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For security's sake, Shippers of Overland Cargo are requested to endorse on the Envelope the Marks and Nos. of Packages Shipped, to correspond with those in their Bills of Lading.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
 Hongkong, May 23, 1877.

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Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 18th Proximo. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 30 per cent. on regular rates.

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G. B. EMORY, Agent.
 Hongkong, May 31, 1877.

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FROM and after the Chinese New Year's day (February 17, 1874) the Chinese Mail will be issued DAILY instead of WEEKLY as heretofore. No change, however, will be made in the price of subscription, which will remain at \$4 per annum.

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